

Eastern Canal  
Lowell, Massachusetts  
Middlesex County

HAER No. MA-7

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9-1271,  
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DATE: 1835

LOCATION: Between the Lower Locks on the Pawtucket Canal and the Merrimack Wasteway, Lowell, Massachusetts

DESIGNED BY: Unknown

OWNER: Proprietors of Locks and Canals, Lowell, Massachusetts

SIGNIFICANCE: The opening of the Eastern Canal in 1835 marked the end of the second phase of construction of the Lowell Canal System as it had been planned in 1821. The Eastern Canal connected the Pawtucket and Merrimack Canals, and powered the Boott Mills.

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